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FROM AMBASSADORS BUNKER AND LINOWITZ

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, PN  
SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS

1. UPON OUR ARRIVAL SUNDAY NIGHT, AND FOLLOWING AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATORS, WE WERE LED TO BELIEVE PANAMANIANS WOULD CONTINUE RAPID PROGRESS TOWARD REACHING AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, WHICH THE PANAMANIAN DELEGATION INDICATED WOULD BE WEDNESDAY MORNING.

2. THE PANAMANIANS GAVE US THEIR OWN CANAL TREATY DRAFT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, PARTIALLY TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH. THEY HAVE ALSO SAID WE WOULD RECEIVE THEIR DRAFT OF THE IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT.

3. THEIR TREATY DRAFT IS LARGEMLY SIMILAR TO OURS (GIVEN TO PANAMA A MONTH AGO), BUT WITH ENOUGH VARIATIONS THAT RESOLVING ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES HAS BECOME TIME-CONSUMING. DESPITE CONTINUING PANAMANIAN ASSURANCES THAT THEY WISH

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TO REACH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE RAPIDLY, THERE IS NEVERTHELESS A LONG LIST OF MATTERS TO BE COVERED BEFORE WE CAN ARRIVE AT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON ALL ISSUES.

4. WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE PANAMANIANS AT AN INTENSIVE PACE, BUT HAVE SOME QUESTION NOW AS

TO WHETHER WORK ON THE REMAINING LIST OF ITEMS  
CAN BE COMPLETED BY THIS WEEK.

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